

**CLAIMS**

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

1. A headwear and clothing packaging system comprising:
  2. headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said headwear having
  3. an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;
  4. said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom
  5. portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;
  6. said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom
  7. portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said
  8. headwear forms a flat dome;
  9. said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in
  10. said collapsed state and deformed around an axis transverse to a width measured
  11. along said bottom portion of said hat;
  12. clothing being deformed in a cylinder shape; and
  13. a holding element;
  14. wherein said headwear is disposed in said storage state around said
  15. clothing and said holding element is disposed around said headwear.
1. 2. The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 1, wherein said holding element comprises a strap.
1. 3. The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 1, wherein said storage state is defined by said headwear being disposed in a collapsed state and deformed around the axis into an arc.
1. 4. The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 1, wherein said storage state is defined by said headwear disposed in a collapsed state and deformed around the axis into a cylinder.

1           5. A headwear and clothing packaging system comprising:  
2                   headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said headwear having  
3                   an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;  
4                   said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
5                   portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;  
6                   said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
7                   portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said  
8                   headwear forms a flat dome;  
9                   said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in  
10                  said collapsed state and deformed around an axis parallel to a width measured  
11                  along said bottom portion of said hat;  
12                  clothing being deformed in a cylinder shape; and  
13                  a holding element;  
14                  wherein said headwear is disposed in said storage state around said  
15                  clothing and said holding element is disposed around said headwear.

1           6. The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 5 wherein said  
2           storage state is defined by said headwear being disposed in a collapsed state and  
3           deformed around the axis into an arc.

1           7. The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 5 wherein said  
2           storage state is defined by said headwear being disposed in a collapsed state and  
3           deformed around the axis into a cylinder.

1           8.     A method of packaging headwear and clothing comprising the steps of:  
2                 providing headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said  
3     headwear having an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;  
4                 said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
5     portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;  
6                 said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
7     portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said  
8     headwear forms a flat dome;  
9                 said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in  
10    said collapsed state and deformed around an axis transverse to a width measured  
11    along said bottom portion of said hat.  
12                 providing clothing;  
13                 providing a holding element;  
14                 deforming said headwear into said storage state;  
15                 disposing said clothing into a cylinder shape;  
16                 disposing said headwear around said clothing; and  
17                 fixing said headwear around said clothing with said holding element.

1           9.     The method of claim 8, wherein said step of providing a holding element  
2     comprises providing a strap.

1           10.    The method of claim 8, wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to  
2     said storage state comprises deforming said headwear into an arc shape.

1           11.    The method of claim 8, wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to  
2     said storage state comprises deforming said headwear into a cylinder shape.

1           12. A method of packaging headwear and clothing comprising the steps of:  
2                   providing headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said  
3                   headwear having an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;  
4                   said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
5                   portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;  
6                   said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
7                   portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said  
8                   headwear forms a flat dome;  
9                   said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in  
10                  said collapsed state and deformed around an axis parallel to a width measured  
11                  along said bottom portion of said hat.  
12                  providing clothing;  
13                  providing a holding element;  
14                  deforming said headwear into said storage state;  
15                  disposing said clothing into a cylinder shape;  
16                  disposing said headwear around said clothing; and  
17                  fixing said headwear around said clothing with said holding element.

1           13. The method of claim 12 wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to said  
2           storage state comprises deforming said headwear into an arc shape.

1           14. The method of claim 12 wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to said  
2           storage state comprises deforming said headwear into a cylinder shape.